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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 870 By McDaniel

A RESOLUTION to commemorate the seventieth anniversary of John and Britt Gibson.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those couples, whose love serves as the backbone on which the family stands strong and proud; and

WHEREAS, on July 19th, 1930, John and Britt Gibson were united in matrimony, and since that fateful day, this devoted couple has remained true and adhered to the blessed sacrament of marriage; and

WHEREAS, born in 1911, John is the son of Elam Sanders Gibson and Myrtle Hardin Gibson from Henderson County; and

WHEREAS, Britt is the daughter of Arthur Hubert Fronabarger and Kate Britt Fronabarger of Wildersville; and

WHEREAS, the Gibsons were married in Caruthersville, Missouri because, "We wanted to go somewhere and that was about as far as we could go on the funds we had"; Britt had \$40 received as a graduation gift, and John borrowed \$20 from his father; and

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WHEREAS, from their love sprang forth a daughter, Brenda Schomburg, who gave rise to two Gibson grandchildren, David and Dana; and

WHEREAS, the Gibsons also have a great-granddaughter, Ginger Britt, and three stepgreat- grandchildren, Jordan, Bill, and Sam; and

WHEREAS, John worked for Priest Pearson in the cotton gin business, ultimately buying his own gin in 1942; and

WHEREAS, in 1952, John acquired the Pearson Gin on Highway 22, north of Lexington, while continuing to farm and raise cotton on the plot next to the Gibson homesite; and

WHEREAS, John served two terms as Magistrate of the Henderson County Court, and was director of the Federal Housing Authority in Henderson County in the late 60s and the 70s; and

WHEREAS, both devout Christians, Britt has taught Sunday School at the Wildersville Baptist Church, and has been active in several clubs and organizations, while John worships at the Wildersville Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, in 1961, John Gibson played an instrumental role in obtaining a charter for the Lexington First Federal Savings and Loan, later serving as Vice-President and Director of the company; and

WHEREAS, the Gibsons are actively involved in their community where they are dearly loved and respected; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly, are proud to honor the Gibsons on the celebration of this most joyous event; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING That we congratulate John and Britt Gibson on the celebration of their seventieth wedding anniversary, and extend to them our best wishes for every future happiness.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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